

Application No.: 10/626,378
Amendment dated August 13, 2007
Response to Office action dated May 16, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached: Replacement Drawings
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the office action dated May 16, 2007, and completion of the personal interview of August 8, 2007. The discussions therein, along with the Examiner's much appreciated observations and suggestions, are summarized and incorporated herein.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as they include reference characters not mentioned in the specification. The specification has been amended accordingly to include the reference character 206 as shown in Figure 2. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been objected to for various informalities. The specification has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 12 and 21 were objected to due to various informalities. Claims 12 and 21 have been amended accordingly and therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 11, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,327,045 to Teng et al. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. Claims 5-6 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,033 to Bourbonnais et al. Claims 7-10 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng in view of JP 10289070 to Hiroshi et al. Claims 12 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng in view of Hiroshi, Bourbonnais, and Nishikawa.

The subject application is directed to a system and method for providing continuous feedback from a document processing device, such as an embodiment inclusive of a printing system. The system and method are particularly suited to an embodiment for secure, controlled reporting of machine status in accordance with particular needs associated with various networked clients of the document processing device. In this fashion, the device is preset with which messages are desired, when such messages should be delivered and a form format for the messages with is compatible with a particular device. These settings allow the document processing device to push customized, compatible status messages at selected timing to each of a plurality of workstations. To accomplish the forgoing, a status message is received from a

spooler and a signal is received from an image output system which is coupled to the spooler. Registration data is also received from each of a plurality of associated network clients at a spooler feedback component associated with the spooler. The registration data includes data representative of a request for transmission of status messages for communication to the network clients. A job state message is sent to a network client, wherein the job state message at least one of a status message and signal. The job state message is translated to a format compatible with the network client. The system and method periodically push translated job state messages to each of the plurality of associated network clients in accordance with received registration data.

In contrast, Teng is directed to a system wherein a workstation logs into a device via a web interface, and is able to pull down status messages in accordance with a browser initiated request from the workstation sent to a server. This is far removed from a device being preset to push customized status messages, formatted for each particular workstation, at pre-selected intervals. The afore-noted embodiment allows for various workstations to receive compatible messages for desired information at a desired timing, without any need to login and request status.

Amendment to each of independent claims 1, 12, 13 and 21 has been made to render more clearly the patentable distinctions over the art of record. The subject amendments clarify that preset characteristics associated with a document processing device spooler causes a customized message to be sent to workstations with pre-selected timing. It is submitted that, as clarified, all claims are patentably distinct over the teachings of Teng.

It is further submitted that the deficiencies of Teng are not remedied by any teachings of any of the additional art of record. More particularly, the subject amendments are patentably distinct over Nishikawa, cited for determining a native network language of a client; Bourbonnis, cited as showing a filtered job status message; and Hiroshi, cited as showing submission of a most recent status message.

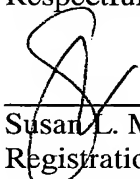
In view of the aforementioned amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/31366.

Respectfully submitted,

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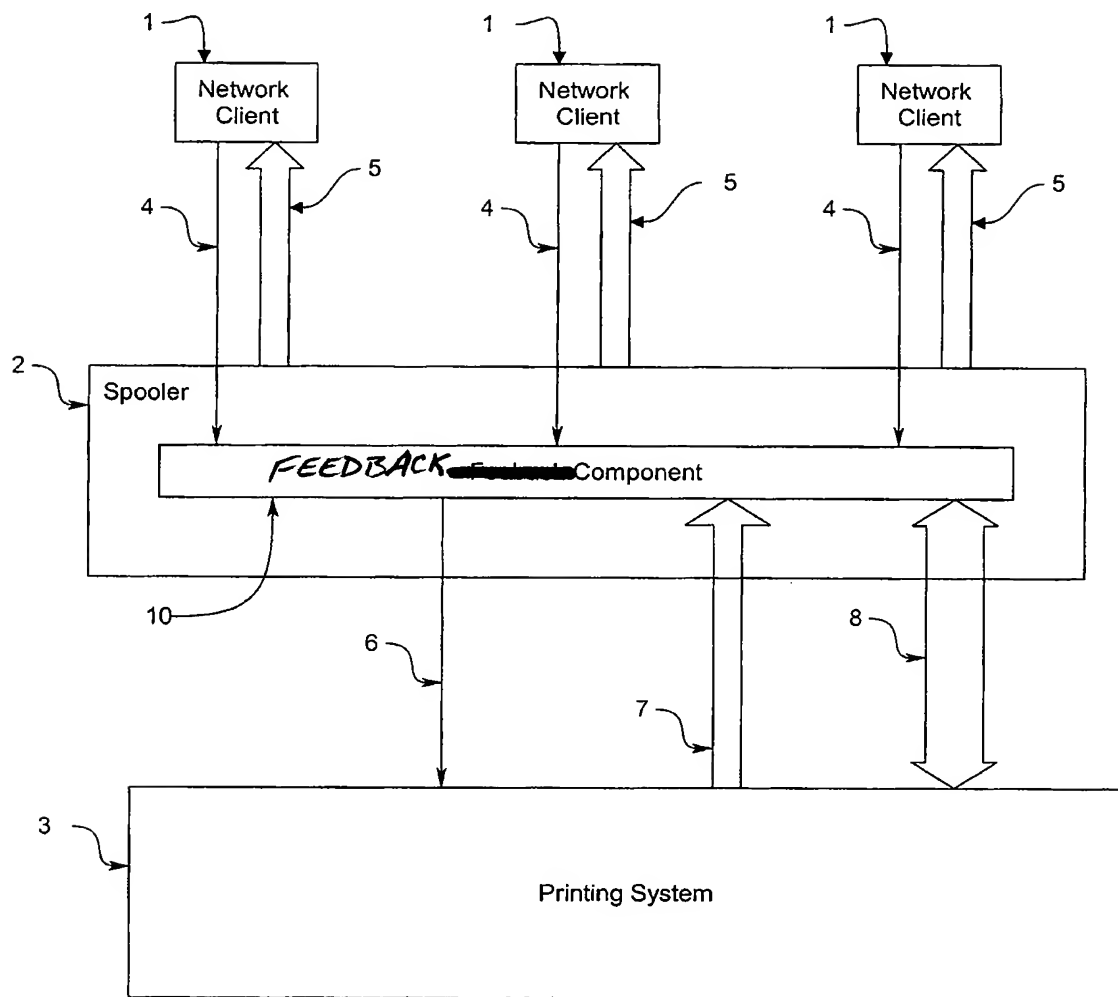


FIG 1